

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7120
ANSWERED ON:11.05.2000
PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS BY FCI IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of procurement of Paddy, rice and other foodgrains made in Andhra Pradesh during each of the last three years and till March, 2000;
- (b) the number of procurement centers, opened, expanded and expenditure incurred thereon during the said period;
- (c) the extent of surplus foodgrains which could not be procured in the State at present and main reasons therefor; and
- (d) the schemes/strategy chalked out by the Government for future procurement of foodgrains in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) The details of procurement of Paddy, rice and coarse grains in Andhra Pradesh for the last three years and till March, 2000 are indicated below:

(in lakh tonnes)

Marketing season Rice Paddy Coarse grains

1996-97	45.04	0.32	-
1997-98	38.55	-	0.02
1998-99	50.52	0.16	-
1999-2000			

(till 31.3.2000) 34.56 - -

(b) Mill levy rice is delivered by the Millers at the FCI designated depots. Procurement Centres are opened/set up for procuring Paddy or Coarse grains only at places where the prevailing market price is below the MSP. This is done in consultation with the State Government to avoid distress sale by the farmers. The details of procurement centers and expenditure incurred thereon is given in the statement at Annexure 'A'.

(c) & (d) : FCI is procuring levy rice as per the targets fixed in the Levy Orders issued by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. The targets set in the Levy Orders issued by the State Government have been exceeded by FCI consistently during the past four years. Rice of FAQ standard only offered by the Mills, is being accepted.

ANNEXURE 'A'

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7120 FOR ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11-05-2000.

Year	Godown Points	Other than Godown Points	Total Expenditure Incurred (Rs)
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1996-97	93	93	34	52	127	145	5,45,040
1997-98	95	62	82	-	177	62	64,15,020
1998-99	97	98	42	75	139	173	36,28,643
1999-2000	81	81	-	-	81	81	

Accounts are yet to be audited.